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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether such veterinary subordinates are given a scale of Rs. 100 to 300 in the Punjab and Rs. 60 to 140 in Bombay ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" It may be so."

*Free quarters or house rent allowances for veterinary assistants.*

*870 Q.—Mr. A B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the privilege of free quarters or of allowance for house-rent in the absence of Government quarters has been taken away from the veterinary assistants in charge of the veterinary hospitals and dispensaries ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to restore to them these privileges ?

A.—(a) Yes, on the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee.
(b) No.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"In consideration of the fact that the veterinary subordinates here enjoy no private practice worth the name, may I request the hon. the Minister to consider whether the privilege of free quarters cannot be restored to these veterinary subordinates ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" It is not only for a single department. If the claims of the department are considered the requirements of other departments should also be taken into consideration. The question is a general one, and, if at all, should be examined as a whole."

*Stoppage of increments to subordinates of the Civil Veterinary department.*

*871 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether some of the subordinates in the Civil Veterinary department have been denied their increments even when they were recommended by their immediate superior officers, viz., the Circle officers, and whether in some cases these increments have been granted only after a period of five or six months after the due date ;

(b) if so, how many have been made to suffer in this way ;

(c) whether in any of these cases the increments were withheld on account of some minor faults for which separate punishments had already been given ; and

(d) whether it is the policy of the Government to punish the subordinates more than once for one and the same fault ?

A.—(a) & (b) There were four cases in which increments, though recommended by the Circle officers, were stopped for unsatisfactory work. In these cases the recommendations of the Circle officers were inconsistent with their previous reports on the work of these men.
(c) No.
(d) No.

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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know why the veterinary subordinates should be penalized for bad work in the past, if work has subsequently improved and increments have been recommended by the officers ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" There is no question of penalizing here."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" Because it is said here in answer that the previous year's work was found to be unsatisfactory."

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Promotions are made with reference to work done in the previous year."

*Popularization of veterinary education.*

* 372 Q.—Mr A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether only 11 men, i.e., 6 men short of the number required for service in the Civil Veterinary department in 1927–28, graduated from the Veterinary College last year ; and

(b) whether the Government intend to popularize veterinary education and veterinary service by improving the pay and prospects of the subordinates in the department ?

*A.*—(a) It is true that only eleven men passed out of the College in 1927.

(b) The Government understand that the College does not attract more students because the number of stipends is limited to 15. The question of increasing the number of stipends is accordingly under the consideration of Government.

* Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" In order to attract more men and the right sort of men, will the Government be pleased to consider the pay and prospects of these people ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" The question of the course of instruction given in the College is under consideration and along with it the question of pay also will be considered."

*Affiliation of the Veterinary College to the Madras University.*

* 873 Q. Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the desirability of affiliating the Veterinary College to the Madras University ; and

(b) when they will give effect to it ?

*A.*—(a) & (b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to clause (b) of the answer to question No 718 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 31st March 1927.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether the difficulties of affiliation could not be got over by amending the University Act in the required manner ? "

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member will have to give notice of a question addressed to the hon. Minister for Education and Local Self-Government."